

REMARKS


By Final Office Action dated July 1, 2003, pending claims 3, 6 and 7 stand rejected and pending claims 9, 13 and 14 stand allowed. In order to place this application in condition for allowance, claims 3, 6 and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Accordingly, only claims 9, 13 and 14 are now pending.

In view of the above, allowance of claims 9, 13 and 14 is respectfully requested. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same. Furthermore, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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